

The View from Behind the Wheel By Ralph Spayd, Photos by Steve Dellinger

My prognostication for the Super Bowl was spot on last month ... whew, nothing to retract!! If you attend our monthly meetings, you know the name tag drawing is more a concept than an actual thing. It really is a random drawing of a number that corresponds to a member on our roster. We almost always draw a member's name who is not a typical "regular" at the monthly meeting. February, we drew a "regular" Dennis B, not only a regular, but well deserving of winning. Dennis let me know earlier in the day he probably wouldn't be attending. Now I swear it really was random, but Dennis didn't attend, and we skated by another month without a winner ... ironic!! Moving on, February was a relatively quiet month as we slog through winter. But we did manage to work in an ice cream night with an 11th hour change of venue (thank you very much Steve D. for the heads up). A Coffee – Cars and Conversation at the remodeled Burger King and a very successful club meeting on Super Bowl Sunday with a great turn out. Speaking of the meeting, the Centerville Diner is amazingly cooperative, supplying us with a separate meeting room, great service and separate checks, I'll have more on all that later. March and April are shaping up to be busy months with some new events. We will head to the Bulls Head Tavern on April 5th for a full English Breakfast...ummm beans for breakfast!! A new event will be our trip to the Celtic Festival on April 12th in Dillsburg. And of course, there are the regularly scheduled events. We'll do ice cream on March 19th, a CCC event on April 5th, a club meeting on April 6th and more ice cream on April 16th. That ought to get some dust off our LBC's. I do need to vent, as we cancelled our annual spring drive to a dinner event. Typically, we held the event in late March at a British themed pub. This year we spoke with several restaurants, and all struggled to host 20 members without a signed contract, guaranteed minimum spend and no separate checks. This was all very disappointing, and I guess a sign of the times. We continue to morph our club into a more committee-like structure, spreading out the workload and offering a very full calendar with many and varied events. Something for everyone to enjoy. I want to thank our engaged and involved members for the support and to quote Gregg S. for helping when being "voluntold" to help ... very clever Gregg - but well said!! I'm excited about 2025 and the future of our club. My only regret is this is the second to last article I'll write for the British Marque. To lose the Marque is truly a loss for all our clubs and I'll miss it dearly. My soapbox this month comes via Rich R. from the CPTC. Rich forwarded an article to me from the Vintage Triumph Register by Shawn Frank the editor of the register. To paraphrase the article, it was about the camaraderie we shared as British car owners. No, this is not just a British thing but is shared by all marques. But my main focus is British. Remember back in the day whenever you passed another MG, Triumph, AH or whatever, you waved, gave a thumbs up or peace sign. It was the understanding of the joy and/or pain we shared and understood as owners of LBC's. Actually, you were just pleased to see both cars were still moving forward ... lol! Somehow, we lost that as time moved on, maybe it just became passe. Shawn suggests we get back to that ritual and I for one fully support the movement. As we lose our British Marque and become a bit more isolated as clubs, let resurrect an old habit and just acknowledge each other as we pass with a wave that we're still here enjoying the experience and our time together. I don't have any quotes for this month, the definition says it all.

Camaraderie is a feeling of trust and friendship among a group of people who have usually known each other for a long time or gone through some kind of experience together.

Stay safe and positive and remember to check out our web site at www.lancomgclub.com and follow us on Facebook. Mark your calendars for the upcoming events.



March Meeting



Good Turnout!



MINIs and a MB



Nice Brits!



Mostly Brits



Alpine engine is purring!

March Coffee – Cars and Conversation AND Ice Cream By Ralph Spayd, Photos by Steve Dellinger

On February 19th, it started innocently enough as I was driving to ice cream night at Twisted Sisters in Manheim. Then the phone call from Steve ... hey they're closed tonight. Geeze Louise, it's not on their web site!! [Although it was posted on their Facebook page a few days before.] A quick google scramble and viola the Twin Kiss is open and it's close by ... whew! Steve D. stood post at Twisted Sisters to reroute traffic, and I rushed to Twin Kiss. It all worked out with no loss of nourishment. Each event is a learning experience, and I did learn that night that several of our members eat dessert BEFORE dinner. Holy Mackerel, what's your mom thinking about that??!!! Next thing you'll be driving a car with the steering wheel on the wrong side ... oh, you already do that, sorry!!!!

Then on March 1st, we went back to our old haunt at the Burger King in Columbia for our winter coffee – cars and conversation gathering. The BK was recently remodeled and finally reopened much to the dismay or delight of McDonalds as we switched venues. The weather was perfect, and we had a great turnout with lots of LBCs waking up after the winter hibernation. The good news they all started up (Deb?) and left under their own power, both the owners and the cars ... no small feat and not to be understated. As a side note, Trex placed his cache of magazines in FRONT of his car this time!



New BK Decor



Coffee, Pepsi, and Conversation



More Discussion



Great Turnout this Month



Brits (and a Bimmer)



Many more Brits



Royal Enfield
[CCC7]

Carlisle Import and Performance Nationals Photos by Steve Dellinger

Join us on May 16th and/or May 17th for an international vehicle wonderland at “Import Carlisle” where you can see 1,700+ unique and stunning imported vehicles from around the world as well as domestics, kit cars, motorcycles, trucks and high-end performance vehicles. See the top builds, restorations, clubs and brands representing the world of automobiles and performance. *We will be sharing a tent on the show field with the Austin Healey Sports and Touring Club and the Keystone British Car Club. To reach a level of attendees to receive a reduced cost on the tent, please preregister as belonging to the “British Motor Car Club”.* Registration includes weekend admission to the unjudged Show field for a driver and one passenger. There is no judging for these vehicles, but anyone present on Friday is eligible for an Elite Award. Your entry credential will be mailed to you, approximately three weeks prior to the show, if you register by the Gate-N-Go Deadline of March 31, 2025. The tent will be available to the group on Friday and Saturday between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Enter at Gate 3, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd, Carlisle, PA 17013. Bring your own chairs! And bring a dessert or other food item to share with the group. Contact Pam Preston (rpreston1609@comcast.net) for LANCO MG Club related questions and to coordinate our efforts.



Last year at Carlisle



MGs in 2024



Previous Elite Award Winner!

Upcoming LANCO Events:

Saturday, April 5 - Coffee, Cars & Conversation. 10:00 AM at the Burger King – Route 441 & Route 30 (Columbia Exit)

Saturday, April 5 - Traditional English Breakfast. 8:00 AM at the Bulls Head Public House, 14 E Main St, Lititz, PA. - <https://lititzspringsinn.com/bulls-head-public-house/>

Sunday, April 6 – LANCO MG Club Meeting. 3:00 PM – The Centerville Diner, 100 South Centerville Road, Lancaster, PA - <http://centervillediner.us/>

Wednesday, April 16 - Ice Cream Nite. 6:30 PM – Fox Meadows Creamery, 2475 W Main St, Ephrata, PA - <https://www.foxmeadowscreamery.com/>

Saturday, May 3 - Coffee, Cars & Conversation. 10:00 AM at Prospect Road/Columbia Wendy's, 3995 Columbia Ave, Columbia, PA.

Saturday, May 3 – Covered Bridge Tour. 11:30 AM – 3:30 PM. Starting after CC&C at the Columbia Wendy's, 3995 Columbia Ave, Columbia, PA. There will be an ice cream stop on the way!

Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17 - Carlisle Import and Performance Nationals. 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM daily. Show cars enter at Gate 3, 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd, Carlisle, PA 17013. Preregister at <https://store.carlisleevents.com/ProductDetails.asp?ProductCode=2025%2D039>.

Sunday, May 18 - Tech Session and Monthly Meeting. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Join us for a club tech Session and a (very) short monthly meeting. Location and time(s) to be determined.

Wednesday, May 21 - Ice Cream Nite. 6:30 PM – DQ Grill & Chill Restaurant, 1740 Roosevelt Ave, York, PA - <https://www.dgroosevelt.com/>